

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information distribution system is formed by a portable terminal, a local server for providing a local information which is accessible through a local radio network, and a subscription server for carrying out a membership subscription procedure which is accessible through a public network. When a terminal ID received from the portable terminal along with an access request is not registered in a membership database, the local server sends a server access membership subscription guidance for urging the portable terminal to carry out a membership subscription procedure. The portable terminal then sends a server access membership subscription request to the subscription server so as to carry out the membership subscription procedure.